*Mineral survey at Kanyakumari district*

* 34 *Q.*—Sri T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any mineral survey was made in 1957 or 1958 in the Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) if so, in which taluk of the district;

(*c*) whether thorium, gold and petrol were found in the district; and

(*d*) in which village and in which survey numbers the above minerals, if any, were found?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The systematic geological mapping and mineral survey in Kanyakumari district were commenced by the Geological Survey of India during the field season 1957–58.

(*b*) An area of about 35 square miles falling in the hilly areas of the Thovala taluk has been mapped so far.

(*c*) No, Sir.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*c*).

*Biological Control Centre*

*35 *Q.*—**Sri K. B. S. MANI (on behalf of Sri M. C. Muthukumaraswamy):** கனம் உள் விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தஞ்சை ஜில்லாவில் நெற்பயிர்களை அரிக்கும் பூச்சிகளைத் தடுப்பதற்காகப் பூச்சிகள் தடுக்கும் ஆராய்ச்சி நிலையம் (**Biological Control Centre**) ஒன்றை ஏற்படுத்த அரசாங்கம் உத்தேசித்துள்ளதா ?

(ஆ) அப்படியானால் எப்போது ?

(இ) எந்த இடத்தில் அது ஆரம்பிக்கப்படும் ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

*Small Savings Scheme*

* 36 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the measures taken by the Government for securing Compulsory Small Savings in the State as recommended by the National Development Council meeting held in November 1958;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to increase the commission paid to agents who collect Small Savings in the State or to fix a minimum pay for them; and